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Public Open House for Little Sand Bay Visitor Center Replacement Project October 8, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 pm

BAYFIELD, WI – Draft design options have been developed by National Park Service contractors for a Little Sand Bay Visitor Center replacement. The new building will be smaller and more energy efficient (LEED silver standard), while providing similar visitor services. Most of the exhibits will be outside of the building, providing orientation, safety information and history of the Little Sand Bay area year-round and after hours. In addition, a permanent display for the Twilite, a historic fishing tug associated with the Hokenson Fishery, is included within this project.

A previous public meeting related to the Little Sand Bay Visitor Center project was held in March of 2015. At this meeting, the park provided information on the overall project and received valuable information on the history of the visitor center and public concerns. At this time, the park is seeking input on draft options for the exterior of the building. Color and other details will be finalized at a later date. There are also draft designs for the Twilite shelter, however, the option chosen for the Twilite will need to follow the same architectural design as the visitor center.

A Public Open House will be held October 8, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Park Headquarters, 415 Washington Ave., Bayfield, Wisconsin. Information will be provided and Park staff will be available to listen to suggestions and gather comments. If you cannot make it to the open house, comments can be submitted online or through the mail. The comment period is from September 24 through October 16, 2015.

Please submit your comments online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lbalt>

Or mail to: Chief, Planning and Resource Management, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, 415 Washington Ave., Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814.

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